

SPEAK GENTLY

ADAPTED TO A BEAUTIFUL MELODY THE COMPOSITION
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gen - tly it is better far To rule by love than fear. Speak

gen - tly let not harsh words mar The good we might do here. Speak

gen - tly! love doth whis - per low The vows that true hearts bind; And

gen - tly friendship's accents flow - Af - - fec - tion's voice is kind.

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Speak gently to the little child,
 Its love be sure to gain;
 Teach it in accents soft and mild—
 It may not long remain.

5

Speak gently to the aged one,
 Grieve not the careworn heart;
 The sands of life are nearly run—
 Let such in peace depart.

7

Speak gently to the erring—know
 They may have toiled in vain;
 Perhaps unkindness made them so,
 Oh! win them back again.

4

Speak gently to the young, for they
 Will have enough to bear;
 Pass through this life as best they may
 'Tis full of anxious care.

6

Speak gently—kindly to the poor,
 Let no harsh tone be heard;
 They have enough they must endure
 Without an unkind word.

8

Speak gently!—He who gave his life
 To bend man's stubborn will,
 When elements were in fierce strife,
 Said to them, "Peace, be still!"

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Speak gently!—'tis a little thing
 Dropped in the heart's deep well;
 The good, the joy which it may bring,
 Eternity shall tell.

